

City man spots UFO

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WAUKESHA — Chances are, Dale Goretake will never know what it was he saw hovering in the sky as he drove home late Monday night.

Visitors from another planet? Maybe.

All Goretake knows is that it was real. And it was like nothing he had ever seen before.

"It was unbelievable," said the 29-year-old Waukesha resident. "It just made the hair on the back of my head stand up."

Goretake is a subdued, unassuming man, and he's a little embarrassed to talk about his bizarre experience Monday night.

"I really don't want a lot of publicity," he said. "But I'd like to know if anybody else saw what I did. I'm curious to know what it was."

At about 11 p.m., Goretake was driving home from a friend's house, where he had watched *Monday Night Football*. No, he says, he had nothing to drink.

He was traveling south on Highway A. As he neared East Main Street, he noticed some flashing red lights to the southeast. At first he figured they were radio tower lights.

"As I got closer it looked like a squad car lights spinning around," he said. "But it was up in the sky!"

"I could see a structure in the sky, no more than 300 feet high, and it was hovering in the air and rotating."

The object was over Greenfield Avenue, near the north entrance to Don Jacobs Buick-Subaru car dealership, Goretake said. He pulled into the south end of the car dealer's parking lot and from

about 150 yards away he watched — in utter amazement.

The object was shaped like a flattened triangle and was perhaps 75 feet wide, he said. At each corner, Goretake saw pairs of flashing red lights. On the sides of the object were pairs of white and red lights that did not flash, he said. The craft itself seemed to be a dark brown or black color. As it hovered, it rotated slowly and made no sound.

"I must've stood there and watched for 2 1/4 or 3 minutes," Goretake said. "It was like a car accident in the sky. Lights flashing everywhere."

He then decided to get a closer look. But as he drove north on Highway A toward Greenfield Avenue, the object stopped rotating and began to move, Goretake said.

"It was like it was scoping out the area," he said. "Whether it was me that made it move, I don't know."

It stayed in front of him, flying very low, and crossed Highway A, he said. It then headed over a

stand of trees and Goretake lost sight of the object.

"I don't know if it turned off its lights or if it just dropped so low that I couldn't see it behind the trees," he said.

Goretake drove around the area for a while, hoping to find the object again. He had no success.

He went home and called the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department and asked, reluctantly, if there had been any reports of a UFO that night.

"The guy kind of laughed, and I kind of laughed," Goretake said. "He probably thought, 'Here's another nut. He said nobody reported anything. I told him in that case, I didn't want to make a report, either.'"

He then drove back to the area, but there was no sign of the object, he said. It was about 3 a.m. before he could fall asleep.

"It sent chills up my spine. I have never, ever seen anything that looked like that," he said.

Officials at Crites Field and the Wisconsin National Guard said this morning they knew of no helicopters or other aircraft that were in the area where Goretake saw the object Monday night.

The last UFO reported in Waukesha County came in March of 1984, when a 73-year-old woman said she saw a round object with red and blue lights that hovered about 30 feet off the ground outside her house.

In the last 20 years, there have been at least a dozen other UFO reports in the county.

Did travelers from another world visit Waukesha Monday night?

Dale Goretake doesn't know. But he knows he saw something he can't explain.

"It was possibly a craft of some sort," he said. "Possibly it was nothing from this world."

"Maybe I'll never know what I saw."

